



# CHANGING LIVES

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## Aminata's hope and dream restored after the PMB, Wellington Tanker Fire Explosion

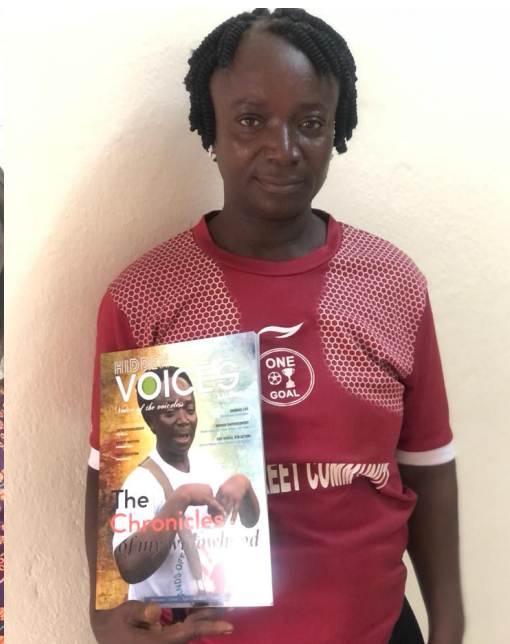
Aminata was happy and hopeful, doing well in her education and fell in love with a boy in her community until pregnancy turned her life upside down. She dropped out of school, was kicked out by her parent, and lost the father of her child during the PMB fire disaster. Just months after delivering her baby, her boyfriend worked hard to get her back to school but lost his life in the 5th November fire accident. Aminata had lost all hope and support and could not see a brighter future or a way of accomplishing her dream to become a nurse. However, after JNJF staff met her during our victim support visits, Aminata's life changed, and her hope was restored. The Foundation enrolled her in school, paid her tuition and miscellaneous fees, bought her uniform and school supplies and gave her a monthly allowance to cover her and her baby's needs. As a result, Aminata's secondary school education will be catered for wholly by the Foundation until completion. We hope to see her through university to complete her nursing.



## JNJF, in collaboration with Social Income, provides Monthly Support to Augusta Savage, a Widow at Kroo Bay Community

Augusta Savage lost her husband just after the Lord blessed her with their first daughter, for which she had prayed so long to conceive. She and her children were dispossessed of their inheritance by her late husband's family. She found refuge at Kroo Bay Community in a small room with her daughter. Unfortunately, due to the heavy rains during the rainy season, she has to vacate her home due to flooding. She has lost most of her belongings to water damage. On our need assessment last year in their community, she was bold enough to come forward and explain her story. A few weeks later, she made the cover story of Hidden Voices Salone Magazine Issue 10. In collaboration with Social Income, Augusta is now receiving monthly support for the next three years. This is indeed a lifeline for Augusta to expand her petty business and earn enough to support her daughter's higher education.

Augusta is one of thirteen windows benefiting from this project that aims to run for three years.





## In Partnership with Benko Ltd, JNJF provides access to capital for widows

In implementing its Women Empowerment Kall (WEK) Program, JNJF partnered with Benko Ltd, a major wholesale distributor, to provide widows with staple food items to sell. JNJF introduced this initiative to widows in deprived communities in Freetown. Through this project, widows are given various items on credit to sell and repay. Since the project started less than four weeks ago, the first batch of 7 widows has turned over SLL 20 million (\$2,000). As we seek more partners, we are pleased to report that this first batch of widows has been given a real chance to overcome poverty. All widows have reported a massive change in their income and can now take care of their children's needs. Through this project, hope is restored, a path to overcome poverty is established, and a new direction in life for these widows' has begun.



## Back into business after one year of severe foot ulcer

Kadiatu is a widow with six children living in Kroo Bay Community. An unhealed wound that turned into leg ulcers stopped her from doing business and providing for her children. She had lived with a leg ulcer for over a year until JNJF met her last year during a needs assessment program. The Foundation got a clinic to do various medical tests, a treatment program was initiated, and JNJF took care of all medical expenses. However, she lost direction in life living with that illness. She could not do any business or work to raise her family.

Now Kadiatu is healed from her wound and now fit again to engage in business. Through our WEK Program, Kadiatu now benefits from the access to capital initiative and has started doing business again. JNJF will guide her in ensuring she uses this opportunity to grow her business and support her family. Today, Kadiatu is happy. She can walk again without feeling any pain and free from the stigma she suffered in her community.





## IMPACTING COMMUNITIES

### Forthcoming Projects

1. Expanding financial inclusion for underprivileged widows.
2. New skills training for underprivileged widows.
3. Job placement for underprivileged widows.
4. Donation of medical supplies to deprived and rural community hospitals and clinics.
5. Supporting teenage mothers to return to school.

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